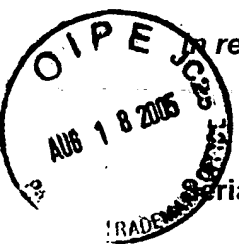


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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (RFA) was included in the Notice of Allowability mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2005. While the Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-14¹ in the Notice of Allowability and does not disagree with the Examiner's determination that the inventions recited in the claims are patentable over the references of record, the Applicant objects to the RFA for at least the following reasons.

Each of the claims of the application define separate inventions, which recite different combinations of features, and the basis for the patentability of each claim is based on the *totality of features recited in each claim*. Here, the Examiner has merely quoted verbatim a portion or portion of one or more claims. Consequently, the Examiner's selective quotation of claim features renders the RFA vague, indefinite, and possibly subject to unintended interpretations not anticipated by the Examiner or the Applicant.

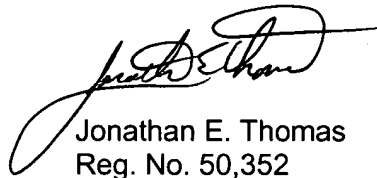
¹ Claims 1-14 were originally allowed, and the Examiner's Amendment added new claims 15 and 16. The PTOL-37 mailed July 1, 2005 indicates that all claims 1-16 are allowed.

Additionally, the Applicant respectfully submits the language of each claim is different, whereas the Examiner's specific comments are directed only to independent claim 1 and not to independent claim 6. Consequently, the Examiner's attempt to summarize the allowability of all the claims using imprecise language that relates only to independent claim 1 renders the RFA vague and indefinite, and possibly subject to unintended interpretations not anticipated by the Examiner or the Applicant.

Moreover, while the Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, the Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

In conclusion, the Applicant does not acquiesce in any aspects of the RFA not specifically addressed herein.

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